



ARIZONA STATE SENATE
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AMENDED
FACT SHEET FOR S.B. 1310

small claims division; jurisdiction; limits

Purpose

Increases the jurisdictional limit for cases within the small claims division of the justice courts from \$2,500 to \$5,000.

Background

The small claims division is a forum in justice courts in which procedures allow for the inexpensive, speedy and informal resolution of small claims (A.R.S. § 22-501).

The small claims division of the justice courts has concurrent original jurisdiction with the justice court in civil actions in which the debt, damage, tort, injury, or value of personal property claims does not exceed \$2,500, exclusive of interest and costs. Additionally, the small claims court has concurrent original jurisdiction in actions in which a party seeks to disaffirm, avoid or rescind a contract, or seeks equitable relief when the amount does not exceed \$2,500 (A.R.S. § 22-503, subsection A).

There is no anticipated fiscal impact to the state General Fund.

Provisions

1. Increases the jurisdictional limit for cases within the small claims division of the justice courts from \$2,500 to \$5,000.
2. Makes technical changes.
3. Becomes effective on the general effective date.

Amendments Adopted by Committee of the Whole

- Reduces the jurisdictional limit in small claims court from \$10,000 to \$5,000.

Senate Action

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